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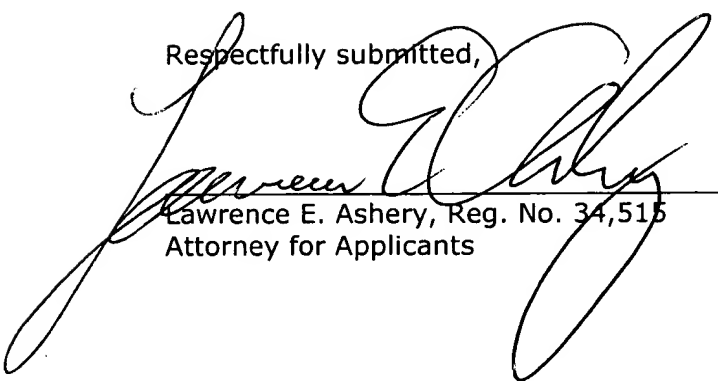
Claims 1, 10, 15 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Khawam (U.S. 6,678,612) in view of Denekamp (U.S. 4,750,197).

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the courtesy extended to their representative by Examiners Banks-Harold and Peaches during the personal interview on March 8, 2005. During the course of the interview, Applicants' representative explained that Applicants' claims are different than Denekamp because, in Denekamp, the primary module 36 and secondary module 32 are intended to be separated. Examiner Banks-Harold was of the opinion that this point of distinction was not properly recited in the claims. The claims have been amended accordingly. The basis for the amendment is set forth in Applicants' originally filed application in Figure 3 and Figure 5(a). No new matter has been added. Accordingly, allowance of the above claims is respectfully requested.

Additional claims are set forth in the Official Action. Claims 2-9, 12, 16-23 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Khawam and Denekamp in view of Diaz. Claims 11 and 25 have been rejected based upon the combination of Khawam, Denekamp and Villeveille. Claims 13 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Khawam, Denekamp and Abo. Claims 14 and 28 have been rejected based on the combination of Khawam, Denekamp, Diaz, and Villeveille. The independent claims set forth above are patentable by virtue of and including claim language similar to that set forth above with regard to claim 1. The remaining claims are patentable by virtue of their dependency on allowable independent claims.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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